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October 5, 2016**Contact:** Morgan Bleich-Lee at (614) 614-728-0989  
[Morgan.Bleich-Lee@development.ohio.gov](mailto:Morgan.Bleich-Lee@development.ohio.gov)**State Funds Available to Help Ohio Businesses Market Internationally***Ohio Development Services Agency now accepting applications for the  
Ohio International Market Access Grant for Exporters (IMAGE) program*

The Ohio Development Services Agency's Export Assistance Office is ready to help Ohio small businesses sell their goods and services overseas. Recently, the State of Ohio was awarded \$750,000 by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) to help increase Ohio exports and create jobs.

To access these funds, Ohio businesses can apply to the International Market Access Grant for Exporters (IMAGE) program, offered by the Ohio Development Services Agency.

"This program brings value to businesses in Ohio looking to export their products into international markets," said David Goodman, director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "By offsetting high marketing costs, small businesses can reach international customers and grow their business and create jobs."

The IMAGE program is designed to help small businesses increase exports and create Ohio jobs. IMAGE is a 50 percent reimbursement program designed to offset the high costs associated with international marketing initiatives, including trade shows and missions, marketing materials, website translation and export education programs.

The 2017 IMAGE program will run through September 29, 2017.

For more information or to apply, visit: [www.IMAGE.development.ohio.gov](http://www.IMAGE.development.ohio.gov).

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